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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Mr. Clark MacGregor,
Counsel to the President for Congressional Relations

1. This morning the Director told me of a conversation he had just had with Clark MacGregor regarding Senator Symington's request (copy attached) which the Director had sent to Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Kissinger and PFIAB for information.

2. Mr. MacGregor told the Director that he felt neither CIA nor NSA should agree to Symington's jurisdictional claims over their activities, but raised no objection to the Director's suggestion that he designate the undersigned as point of contact with the Symington Subcommittee.

3. The Director and MacGregor agreed that the death of Senator Russell had created a "new ball game" in the Senate and, as the Director said, the Agency is going to be exposed to an increasing number of "raids" by inquisitive Senate committees and members. The Director said he saw no indication that Chairmen Stennis or Ellender would be much help in these circumstances. MacGregor suggested a meeting between the President, MacGregor, Helms, Stennis and Ellender. The Director agreed but thought Senators Milton Young and Margaret Chase Smith should be included.

4. In light of the foregoing, the Director said we should reply to Symington's letter with a simple response stating only that he was designating the Legislative Counsel as point of contact for the Symington Subcommittee.

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The Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad of the Foreign Relations Committee has been reconstituted for the 92nd Congress, and I have been appointed Chairman. The area of responsibility of the Subcommittee has been defined as follows:

"Subject to special fact-finding requests which the full Committee may submit from time to time, this Subcommittee on its own motion will focus particular attention on overseas commitments and military activities abroad which affect the foreign relations of the United States. During the forthcoming Congress, this will require that the Subcommittee follow closely the question of the duplication of activity in the overseas intelligence community and of secrecy in the conduct of foreign policy in a democracy."

The full-time Subcommittee staff will consist of James G. Lowenstein and Richard M. Moose, both former Foreign Service Officers, who have been serving the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee. Pat M. Holt will also devote some of his time to the Subcommittee's work.

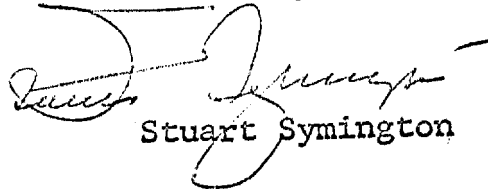
I would appreciate it if you would designate an officer in your Agency to act as a liaison and point of contact for the Subcommittee. I would also appreciate it if the Agency would initiate the necessary procedures for any special

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security clearances for members of the staff that may be required in light of the Subcommittee's area of responsibility.

I am addressing similar letters to the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director of the National Security Agency.

Sincerely,



Stuart Symington

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